

OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM - STATE RECORD FISH (SALTWATER SPECIES)

(Print or type only)

1. Species: _____
2. Weight (certified scale only): _____ lbs. _____ oz.
3. Name of Angler: _____
(give full name)
4. Address of Angler: _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)
5. Phone Number of Angler: _____
6. Measurement of Fish:
 - a. Length (tip of snout to fork of tail): _____
 - b. Girth (measurement around largest part of body): _____
7.
 - a. What port did you leave from? _____
 - b. What port did you return to? _____
8. Give date and location of catch: _____

9. Give name of persons who witnessed the weight of the fish; include their address and phone number.

10. Give location of scales fish was weighed on:

11. Was fish caught on rod and reel device? (circle one) _____ Yes _____ No
12. My signature below certifies that the information given above is true and accurate.

Anglers Signature

Witness to Weight Signature

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RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Marine Resources Division
ATTN.: Record Fish Committee
P O Box 189
Dauphin Island, AL 36528

RULES FOR ESTABLISHING STATE SALTWATER FISH RECORDS

1. Angler must leave and return to an Alabama port without making landfall in another state, except in cases of emergencies involving safety of the boat or crew.
2. An official application must be submitted within 30 days of the catch.
3. Application must include a photo clearly showing the distinguishing features of the fish.
4. Weighing of fish must be witnessed by two persons not related to the angler and fish must be weighed on certified scales.
5. Fish must be caught by rod and reel using natural or artificial bait.
6. Fish must be on list of accepted species established by IGFA, unless otherwise certified by the State records committee.
7. To replace a record for a fish weighing less than 25 pounds, the replacement must weight at least 2 ounces more than the existing record. To replace a record for a fish weighing 25 pounds or more, the replacement fish must weigh at lease one-half of 1 percent more than the existing record.

Examples: At 50 pounds, the additional weight required would be 4 ounces; at 100 pounds, the additional weight required would be 8 ounces; at 200 pounds, the additional weight required be 16 ounces.

Any catch which matches the weight of an existing record or exceeds the weight by less than the amount required to defeat the record will be considered a tie. In case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, weights must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing weighing less than the original record will be considered.

8. Application must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the Record Fish Committee. Their decision is final.
9. Fish must be fought by only one angler; assistance in gaffing or netting is allowed.
10. Fish should be kept (frozen) for at least 15 days after forwarding of application. Should there be any question regarding identification of the fish, a Marine Resources Division employee may request that the fish be brought to the State Laboratory on Dauphin Island or the State Laboratory in Gulf Shores.